

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO**

December 1, 2009

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Town Beautification Board was called to order at 5:19 PM by Chairperson Joy Duprey. Those in attendance:

Joy Duprey
Diane Look

Jennifer Wright

Deborah Johnson

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 9, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. The November meeting was a work session only; minutes not taken.

Finance Report

Current balance is \$25, exclusive of the \$10 received in tee-shirt sales not yet posted. Receipts from the Scarecrow Days sale are \$508.00. Lavalley's was excited about winning the popular vote. It was noted that people did not put as much change in the voting jars. Income was largely generated from the entry fee. The Scarecrow Days winner, based on Beautification Board vote, was Sunflower Insurance. Due to the amount of pumpkin vandalism, we will re-think use of pumpkins as scarecrow heads next year.

Old Business

1. Snowflakes:

Comments about the new snowflakes have been very complimentary – "fabulous." Joy will write a thank-you in the next issue of *Chaffee County Times* – Ed and Darla Andreas (welder), the Muellers (Lindsey and Ryan) for their \$200 donation, Sangre deCristo, Serendipity, Randy Duprey. Additionally, we will be giving the Andreas' a gift certificate in the amount of \$35.00, "BV Bucks."

2. East Main Street Committee:

Joy advised that a presentation was made in October to the trustees. Joy provided us a copy of the preliminary sketch. There will be space for artwork on the benches and planters with the possibility of making the artwork a contest. The Town hopes to have two bump-outs and trash cans installed this spring.

3. Planters:

Deborah will complete the removal of summer plants from planters at Lavalley's, True Value and Pinon Realty. Joy will contact Merrifields about plans for next year including having the same grass center as this year.

4. Banners:

Diane will arrange for banners to be removed from the highway and re-located to appropriate locations on Main Street. The one at New Release will be moved to West Main as far as possible. West Main electric lines (with new poles installed) will be worked on this season. Some of the poles can no longer have foreign objects placed on them. Banners will be placed on East and West Main as far as they can extend. Our banners are about four to five years old.

It was agreed upon by all to present a plaque to Paul Erickson of Sangre deCristo for all the support he has given in putting up the banners and snowflakes. Joy will discuss this with Mayor Russell to determine the feasibility of the plaque and to present this request to the trustees for approval. General discussion held of the possibility of the Chamber creating a “company of the year award” to go along with their “citizen of the year” award for their contributions to the Town of Buena Vista. Beautification will make this suggestion to the Chamber.

5. Octoberfest:

Each of us will start working on plans and then develop them further at the January 2010 meeting. The Octoberfest will run concurrently with our Scarecrow Days. Joy will confirm with Eddyline on sales of the pumpkin rolls. General discussion held on a location of the Octoberfest, and that the Chamber is tentatively planning on having a Haunted House. It was recognized that Turner Farm would be a great location for a haunted house, and Beautification will make this suggestion to the Chamber.

New Business

No new business agendized.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 5:00 PM at Serendipity.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Deborah J. Johnson

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Secretary

Joy Duprey

Joy Duprey, Chairperson